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a coin storing unit provided under said holding unit; and

a coin repayment unit, provided at a lower part of said main body, for returning said coins to a customer;

wherein said coin dispensing apparatus has

a holding cylinder provided in said holding unit for temporally holding said coins,

a wiper provided at a lower part of said housing cylinder for sweeping said coins,

and

a second sorting unit provided under said wiper for sorting said coins to said coin storing unit or said coin repayment unit.

3. (Amended) A coin dispensing apparatus, as defined in claim 2, wherein:

said coin dispensing apparatus has a coin storing passage connected with said coin storing unit and a repayment passage connected with said coin repayment unit, and a damper provided in said second sorting unit for switching said coin storing passage and said repayment passage.

Please add the following:

8. (New) A coin dispensing apparatus, as defined in claim 1, wherein

during a selling operation, the coins in said holding unit are transferred to said coin storing unit, and

during a returning operation, a passage from said holding unit to said coin storing unit is blocked and the coins in said holding unit are transferred to said coin repayment unit via a repayment passage between said holding unit and said coin repayment unit.